Increase in crimes

1620. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in incidents like murders, dacoity, looting in certain States in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such States alongwith the percentage increase registered in the crime rate during the said period; and

(c) the overall law and order situation in the Northern States of Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per the information compiled by National Crime records Bureau, no State in the country has reported spurt in cases of murder, dacoity and robbery during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The incidence of total cognizable crimes under IPC showed a rising trend in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and a mixed trend in the State of Punjab during the period. During the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 the incidence of total cognizable crimes under IPC in the States of Jammu and Kashmir was 17517, 19505 and 19967, Himachal Pradesh was 11135, 11499 and 12224 and in Punjab it was 24374, 27774 and 26786 respectively.

Progress of cases filed by CBI

1621. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed by CBI during the last ten years and which of these ended in acquittal for want of evidence; and

(b) the number of such cases filed against Central and State Government Ministers; how many remained pending for over five years; and how many have been still dragging on for 5 years without framing any charges, when the concerned judges have been inclined to dismiss the cases on preliminaries like 'misjoinder of accused', but for CBI's insistence to drag on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) during the last ten years, CBI has filed charge sheets in 6193 cases, out of which 578 cases ended in acquittal for want of evidence.

(b) During this period, CBI has filed charge sheets in 24 cases against Central Ministers and in 31 cases against State Government Ministers. Out of these, 5 cases against Central Ministers and 1 case against State Government Minister have been disposed of from trial.

Out of the remaining 49 cases, 15 cases are pending trial for more than 5 years and 34 cases for less than 5 years. In 18 cases, charges have been framed while in 31 cases, charges are yet to be framed. Out of these 31 cases, 6 cases are more than 5 years old.

In one case pending over 5 years, 3 charge-sheets were filed. In its order on one of the charge-sheets, the trial court had observed that it was a case of misjoinder of charges and joint trial could not continue. The trial court had directed to split the file separate charge-sheets in relation to separate offences of accused person. CBI has gone in revision in Delhi High Court against that order.

Civil Infrastructure in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh

1622. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have now decided to build civil infrastructure in the Tawang District in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are Government's plans; and

(c) what further steps are being taken for the construction of roads and other developmental activities in the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) To meet the special needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international border, the Government is funding the Border Area Development Programme under which funds are provided to the States having international land borders, as special Central assistance for execution of approved schemes on a 100% grant basis. Schemes which address